

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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May 20, 2003

FROM: JAMES B. HACKLEMAN, Chairman
Law and Justice Group

**SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION TO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING FOR
JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve submission of the 2003 Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) application to the State of California Office of Criminal Justice Planning in the amount of \$471,616 for funding from June 30, 2003 through June 29, 2004.
2. Adopt resolution agreeing to accept the JAIBG awards from the fourteen participating cities (identified below) within the County of San Bernardino, and authorize the Chairman of the Law and Justice Group to sign necessary grant documents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On April 15, 2003, the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) released a request for applications for the 2003 Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant. Applications are due May 29, 2003. The funding cycle for this program is a twelve-month period beginning June 30, 2003 and ending June 29, 2004. Funds made available through this program have a stated purpose of promoting greater accountability of juveniles in the juvenile justice system. Funding amounts are determined by law enforcement expenditures and the reported crime index. Individual jurisdictions may waive their right to their direct subgrant award and request that their funds be awarded to a larger contiguous unit of local government.

On August 10, 1999, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors accepted the first JAIBG allocation to create the San Bernardino County Juvenile Accountability Project, and have continued the program each year thereafter. It is once again recommended that the County allocation be combined with the direct subgrant allocations from the cities of Adelanto, Barstow, Chino, Colton, Fontana, Hesperia, Highland, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, Upland, and Victorville for a total award of \$471,616. This amount presumes participation by all of the cities receiving JAIBG funds except San Bernardino, which will again utilize their allocation to fund the San Bernardino County Impact Program.

The JAIBG Program permits the creation of a Regional Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (RJCEC) to develop a coordinated juvenile enforcement program and to leverage the lesser fund amounts allocated to cities with the larger amount allocated to the County. The RJCEC is comprised of five entities: the Children's Network; the Local Law Enforcement Education Partnership (LEEP), the San Bernardino County Law & Justice Group, the San Bernardino County Safety Officer's Association, and the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

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The project places seven probation officers on school campuses in the following participating school districts: Apple Valley Unified, Chaffey Joint Union High School District, Fontana Unified, Hesperia Unified, Upland Unified, Victor Elementary School District, and Victor Valley Union High School District. Each participating district provides funding to meet the ten percent (10%) match requirements of the grant plus any additional budget shortfalls required to fully fund the project. The project provides a probation officer to each of these school districts, and a juvenile court judicial officer to the Juvenile Court. The school probation officers identify students with behavior patterns that may place them at risk for future placement in the juvenile justice system. The probation officers provide intervention with the students' progress in school attendance and academic performance. The juvenile court hearing officer is needed to adjudicate an increasing number of juvenile citations emanating from this program and the Sheriff's CleanSweep program. The judicial position also enhances coordination among the Court, the schools, and the Probation Department.

Over the past year, probation officers on participating school campuses have provided oversight and guidance to approximately 6,600 juvenile offenders. The program boasts positive aspects of reduced violence on campus, increased attendance, better grades and improved student behavior.

It is recommended that the County once again utilize JAIBG monies to fund this program at the level of 7.0 probation officers, 0.5 supervising probation officer, 0.5 probation clerk, 1.0 juvenile court hearing officer, and 1.0 legal procedures clerk. The grant award period is for twelve (12) months, beginning June 30, 2003 and ending June 29, 2004. Upon notification of an award, staff will return to the Board to accept the grant and approve revenue contracts with the school districts.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by the District Attorney (Jane Allen, Chief of Administration) on May 8, 2003; Probation Department (Ray Wingerd, Chief Probation Officer) on May 9, 2003; County Counsel (Rex Hinesley, Chief Deputy County Counsel) on May 12, 2003; Superior Court (Tressa Kentner, Court Executive Officer) on May 13, 2003; and the County Administrative Office (Marcia Faulkner, Administrative Analyst) on May 13, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The grant amount of \$471,616 in federal funding is being sought from the California Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP). There is a ten percent (10%) match requirement of \$52,402, which will be satisfied by \$270,808 in contributions from the seven school districts opting to participate in the program for a total project cost of \$742,424. Sufficient appropriation and revenues are included in the Probation Department proposed 2003-04 budget. No additional county local cost will be requested.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: James B. Hackleman, Chairman, Law and Justice Group (387-6610)

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